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# Office Action Summary

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This is in response to the applicant's communication filed on December 27, 2004, wherein applicant request reconsideration of the Office Action mailed on September 27, 2004, wherein claims 21 are pending.

#### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

2. The information disclosure statements (IDSs) submitted on April 2, 2001, September 30, 2004 and December 27, 2004 are being considered by the examiner.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al (US Patent 5,948,040) (hereinafter referred to as DeLorme).

Referring to Claim 1:

DeLorme discloses a travel information providing center for providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

a memory that stores information on registered members (Fig. 4 (411) Fig. 8a (806),

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an input/output interface that receives a member ID from a user terminal (Fig. 1a (111) , col. 34, lines 26-36, col. 36, lines 57-63) ; and

a controller coupled to the memory and the interface, and that confirms the registered member based on the received member ID and prepares travel information based on the information regarding the registered member stored in the memory upon confirmation that the member is registered (col. 34, lines 26-36, col. 6, lines 8-46).

Referring to Claim 2:

Delorme discloses a center wherein:

the information on the member stored in the memory is the information on a home of the member (col. 10, line 59-col. 11, line 2, col. 17, lines 44-61; col. 34 line 26-36; col. 34, lines 26-36 address), and

the home of the member is set as a starting point on a route prepared by the controller as part of the track information (col. 10, line 59 thru col. 11, line 2, col. 17, lines 44-61, col. 22, lines 38-61; col. 34-, lines 26-56).

Referring to Claim 3:

DeLorme discloses a center wherein the input/output interface receives key information for specifying information requested by the member from the user terminal, and

the controller prepares the travel information based on the key information (Fig. 1a, col. 6, lines 8-46).

Referring to claim 4:

DeLorme discloses a center wherein the key information is information on accommodation facilities and the controller selects accommodation facilities as part of the travel information to be provided, based on the member information stored in the memory (col. 8, lines 33-48).

Referring to Claim 5:

DeLorme discloses a center wherein the key information is information on tourist facilities and the controller selects tourist facilities as part of the travel information to be provided, based on the member information stored in the memory (col. 8, lines 33-48; col. 41, lines 6-66 Events of Interest).

Referring to Claim 6:

DeLorme discloses a center wherein the input/output interface receives a destination of the user input through the user terminal (Fig. 1a, col. 34, lines 45-56), and the controller prepares information on a route from a starting point to the destination as part of the travel information to be provided (col. 6, lines 8-46, col. 10, line 59 thru col. 11, line 2; col. 34, line 26 thru col. 36, line 25).

Referring to Claim 7:

DeLorme discloses a center wherein the information on the route includes at least one of information on the entire route and information on particular areas along the route (col. 6, lines 8-46, col. 9, lines 3-18).

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Referring to Claim 8:

DeLorme discloses a center wherein the controller prepares, upon confirmation that the member is registered, the travel information so as to include route information and information on the locations of service providing facilities which are adjacent to the route and which are exclusively available to the member who has been identified based on the member information stored in the memory (Fig. 2, Register Now, Fig. 6, fig. 8A, Fig. 8B, Fig. 9A, col. 21, lines 27-52, col. 22, lines 38-61, col. 34, lines 24-36).

Referring to Claim 9:

DeLorme discloses the center further comprising:

a terminal that displays the travel information (Fig. 1a (111 and 121, Fig. 9B (907))

Referring to Claim 10:

DeLorme discloses a center further comprising:

a medium that stores the travel information: and

a terminal that reads the travel information stored on the medium and displays the travel information (col. 7, lines 22-34; col. 13, line 31 thru col. 17, line 13).

Referring to Claim 11:

DeLorme discloses a travel information providing center for providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

a memory that stores information on the locations of information providing terminals installed at various locations (Fig. 1A, col. 14, line 43 thru col. 15, line 32, Fig. 3, Figs. 8A-8B),

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a input/output interface that receives a member ID (Fig. 1a (111) and col. 34, lines 26-36); and

a controller coupled to the memory and the interface, and that confirms a registered member based on the received member and provides route information as travel information to be provided to a user upon confirmation that the member is registered and provides information on locations of the information providing terminals which are installed adjacent to the route and which are stored in the memory (Fig. 4, Fig. 8A, col. 6, lines 8-46, col. 34, line 26 thru col. 36, line 25)

Referring to Claim 12:

DeLorme discloses a center wherein:

the controller provides information on the location of the information providing terminal that sent the member ID received by the input/output interface (Fig. 9A).

Referring to Claim 13:

DeLorme discloses an information providing terminal comprising:

an input device through which a user inputs a member ID of the user (Fig. 1a (111), Fig. 9a);

and

a controller that provides detailed information on a vicinity of the information providing terminal upon confirmation that the user is a registered member based on the input member ID (Fig. 4, Figs. 8A-8B, Fig. 9A, col. 34, line 26 thru col. 36, line 25).

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Referring to Claim 14:

DeLorme discloses an information providing terminal wherein:

the information provided by the controller includes at least one of information on the location of the information providing terminal and information on the vicinity of the information providing terminal (Fig. 9A, 9B).

Referring to Claim 15:

DeLorme discloses an information providing terminal comprising an input device through which a user inputs a destination (Fig. 1A and Fig. 9A, col. 34-, lines 26-36),

a controller that provides route information on a route to the destination in response to the input of the destination, and prepares a junction guidance map showing junctions requiring guidance from the route information; and a printer Fig. 1a (121) that prints the prepared junction guidance map (col. 6, lines 41-42, col. 8, lines 55-62, col. 9, lines 49-64, col. 13, lines 31-38, col. 16, lines 18-31, Figs. 1B1-1C).

Referring to Claim 16:

DeLorme discloses a terminal wherein the printer is located in a store and issues receipts when selling articles (col. 13, lines 31-38, col. 14, line 19-col. 16, line 31), the printer also output the junction guidance map(Fig. 1A (109).

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Referring to Claim 17:

DeLorme discloses a terminal wherein:

the printer is a roll-paper printer and the printer can sequentially print the junction guidance maps in the longitudinal direction of a roll paper (Fig. 1A (121)(109), col. 15, line 32 thru col. 16, line 31).

Referring to Claim 18:

DeLorme discloses a travel information providing system comprising:

a terminal through which a user inputs a member ID (Fig. 1a (111)); and  
a center having a memory that stores information on registered members and a controller that provides a registered member with travel information based on the member information stored in the memory if it is determined from the member m input through the terminal that the user is a registered member, wherein the terminal displays the travel information provided by the center (Fig. 8A, col. 6, lines 8-46, col. 34 lines 26-36).

Referring to Claim 19:

DeLorme discloses a method of providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

storing information on registered members (Fig. 8B (806), col. 34, lines 26-36)  
receiving a member ID through an input/output interface from a user terminal (Fig. 1a (111), col. 34, lines 24-36, Fig. 3);  
confirming through a controller that the user is a registered member with a valid member ID (Col. 34, lines 26-36), and

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preparing travel information based on the information regarding the registered member stored in the memory upon confirmation that the member is registered (col. 9, lines 3-18, col. 17, lines 14-43).

Referring to Claim 20:

DeLorme discloses a method of providing travel information comprising:  
storing information on the locations of information providing terminals installed at various locations (col. 13, line 30 thru col. 16, line 31)

receiving a member ID through an input/output interface (Fig. 3, Fig. 8A, col. 34, lines 26-36);

confirming a registered member based on the member ID (col. 34, lines 26-36),  
providing route information as travel information to a user upon confirmation of the registered member (col. 6, lines 8-46 col. 15, line 14 thru col. 16, line 59); and

providing information on the locations of the information providing terminals which are installed adjacent to the route (col. 6, lines 8-46, col. 14, line 66 thru col. 16, line 59).

Referring to Claim 21:

DeLorme discloses method of providing travel information comprising:

inputting a member ID through a terminal (col. 34, lines 26-36);

storing information in a center on registered members (Fig. 8A (806)

providing a registered member with travel information based on the

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member information stored in the memory if it is determined from the member ID input through the terminal that the user is a registered member (Col. 6, lines 8-46), and displaying the travel information provided by the center (Fig. 1A, col. 9, lines 49-64).

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed December 27, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant argues that DeLorme does not teach, disclose or suggest a memory that stores information on registered members, an interface that receives a member ID, and a controller that confirms the member based on the ID and prepares travel information based on the information regarding the member stored in the memory upon confirmation. The Examiner respectfully disagrees and directs the applicant to Figure 8A (806) User/Member List, an interface that receives a member ID (col. 34, lines 26-36 (John Jones from Knox, Ind, "logs onto" TRIPS online. The basic user identity data (name, address, membership code) is entered), a controller that confirms the member based on the ID (col. 34, lines 26-36 user registration and the differential access/output arrangements contingent upon membership or registered status), prepares travel information regarding member stored in the memory (col. 6, lines 8-46 other systems fail to provide a system that takes into account all of the variations in user background that influences travel choice; single integrated travel/activity planning system).

***Conclusion***

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

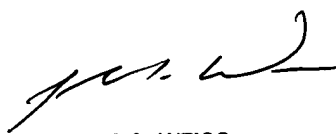
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janice A. Mooneyham whose telephone number is (571) 272-6805. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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